

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4.

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"JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING"

The Story of Creation

Text.—In the Beginning God Created The Heaven And The Earth.—Gen. 1:1.

F. J. Lee

There are two theories concerning the origin of the earth and all life pertaining to it, and these theories are receiving much attention of late years.



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The Bible statement on the subject, and the genuine Christian belief is that, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Doubtless heaven here has reference to the stars and planets, in fact the entire universe. We find also that He created the beasts, cattle and the fowls of the air, also the Word teaches that everything of life came from His creative hand.

The other theory is evolution by dead force. Matter began to work and continued to improve during the ten thousand million years of existence until we have the earth in its present state, but they forget to tell us who is the author of matter.

They also state that, "man is descended from a hairy quadruped, furnished with a tail and pointed ears, probably arboreal in its habits, and an inhabitant of the Old World."

He began to change from an ape to a man by learning to throw things with his feet. They learned to walk on their hind legs, which entirely set free the fore limbs to be used for other purposes.

Evolutionists claim that the embryo of man and fish are closely alike in appearance. They also claim that life started in a tiny cell, evolving to something of the fish nature, then to a higher grade of animals until the ape is reached, then only one more little step we are exalted to the plane of humanity.

Evolutionists arrive at this conclusion by the aid of geology. Claiming the simplest forms of life are found in the oldest rocks, that is, rocks showing the first age show very simple forms of life existing in the first age of this earth, later strata of rock show advanced forms of life and so on, until reaching the ages applying to man.

If this theory is true why should we not find traces on earth of this development, why should we not find budding legs, developing eyes, sprouting wings, why not we, if such wonderful effects in ages past have been worked through evolution, see signs of its working to-day?

Since this theory is most generally advocated by men who ignore Jesus Christ, and are men who make no pretensions to true religion, I mean heart-felt, genuine, Christian religion, but the greater part of them smoke, chew, take the name of the Lord in vain, and many of them drink, and prac-

tice many other things contrary to the Word of God. I would much rather take the advice, and theory of a man like Paul who magnifies the Christian religion and its founder. Hear him. "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called. 1 Tim. 6:20. The Syriac version says, "The oppositions of false science." I am sure that science has its place and part to play, but Paul warns us to be shy of the so called science. The Lord has entrusted us with the Bible, with salvation, with peace of soul, with healing for our body, and hundreds of other special blessings accorded to us by close compliance to His Word. Satan would have us to lose all these blessings. His hope lies in working through worldly wise men and deluding precious souls with a false science.

Without Him There Is Nothing Made that is Made.

God made the firmament Gen. 1:7. God made two great lights and the stars. v. 16. God made the beast after his kind. v. 25. He did not make something and cause it to evolve to something else. God made the earth and heavens. Ex. 20:11. God made the trees to grow. Gen. 2:9. God made the woman. v. 22. God made man in His own image. Gen. 5:1. God made the wind. Gen. 8:1. I wonder what the wind evolved from? God made the sea and dry land. Ex. 14:21. God made man upright. Eccl. 7:29. All these things hath mine hand made. Isa. 66:2. This very statement should be enough to show that all creation came from God's creative hand.

God did not throw into space a cell or atom and say make something of yourself if you can. God would never have received the honor, but this is what Satan is trying to deprive Him of, but God set His creation before Him fresh from His creative hand, then pronounced it "very good."

Create means to bring forth out of nothing. God did not need a pile of matter to work on, but He only needed to speak and it existed.

"Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her fame, From everlasting thou art God, To endless years the same."

Man stands out as the crowning part of God's creation. He is wonderfully and fearfully made. He is made after the image of God. He is composed of bone, muscles, a net work of nerves, blood formed with white and red corpuscles capable of destroying objectionable germs. He is endowed with an intellect which plays upon that wonderful-lobe, the brain, by this men see, walk, talk and show themselves superior to all of God's creation, and in fact God placed him king over all of His creation.

Illustration.

I like the air man. He proves to me that, at the beginning, man heard God say, "Have dominion!" And ever since that early and divine coronation man has felt himself a king. If there is a mountain, he must climb it! If there is a desert, he must cross it! If there is an element, he must conquer it. (F. W. (Continued on page 2.)

THE CRUCIFIXION

Mrs. Lucy Smith

Do you see that mountain yonder? It is Calvary, where Jesus died. That is where the mob once led Him, They took Him there to be crucified.

Not a word did Jesus say in condemnation As on that weary march He trod with them, For well He knew that if He only willed it Twelve legion of angels would deliver Him.

When on the cruel cross they laid Him, And in His feet and hands were driven Those iron spikes, He uttered not a word, But God like, lifted up His eyes to heaven.

And prayed for them who scoffed at Him, He prayed also for me and you, As well as for that Roman mob, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

No wonder that darkness veils the scene, The brilliant sun no longer shining, The earth did quake, the rocks were rent, For the Son of God is dying.

Terror stricken, an awful silence falls, As they are swiftly stepping o'er the sod, Methinks I hear the angels say, "Behold the Lamb of God."

But listen, He rallies once more and says With such anguish in His voice, how could it be With such a sinless holy life, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me."

Now see them hasten to His side, The sinful heartless host, In time to hear His dying words, "It is finished," as He gave up the ghost.

What is finished? Why our redemption, From an awful hell, It took the life of Jesus, For us His blood was spilled.

It took the brightest gem from heaven, Our redemption to proclaim, Hallelujah in the highest! Let earth and heaven ring.

He paid the price. He bought us With His own precious blood. Cast all your trophies at His feet, The blessed Son of God.

"Weeping May Endure For A Night, But Joy Cometh In The Morning."

Glad Easter Morning.

HEAVEN REJOICES, EARTH SHOUTS AND HELL TREMBLES

J. S. Llewellyn

It must have been a dark lonesome night to the followers of our Lord before His resurrection. While He was hanging on the cruel cross the great luminary of day pulled its veil over its face and there was darkness from the sixth to the ninth hour. Disappointment seemed to prevail, all the cherished hopes and expectations of His followers seemed to be buried in yonder garden tomb. They said, "We trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel." The Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils, spent the night in bitter tears. Others of His followers with their prospects blighted, hopes blasted and plans wrecked joined in sympathy with His broken hearted mother. Clouds hanging heavy, shadows of deep felt bereavement on every hand and the grim shades of night adding to the terror of the awful situation.

The crucifixion had dealt the death blow to all those expectations, which even through the darkest hours had sustained them since the day they had their great venture by becoming His disciples. Though the Lord Himself had repeatedly warned them of what would be the ultimate issue of Jewish opposition, how He should suffer and die, how He should go away and send them another com-

forter, how He should go and prepare for them a place then finally return and receive them to Himself. Such predictions had been uttered frequently and with increasing emphasis as the end drew near; but somehow they failed to grasp the full meaning of His words or ignored their true significance. They possibly persuaded themselves that the Master had too dark a view of the situation. Those gathering clouds, which seemed so threatening would soon disappear. They also thought that when the real crisis came He would exert His miraculous power for once on His own behalf and that His enemies were destined to be defeated. So when the final test came many of them proved quite unable to meet the situation calmly. They felt something like men do who have staked everything on some enterprise which has failed. All their cherished ambitions and fond hopes lay buried in Joseph's tomb, as dead as He was whom they had trusted and loved. Oh, the blackness of the night, and the dismal gloom of disappointment that had settled down on their lives.

It is said that the darkest hour is just before dawn. Thank God the long, long night has past and the day has dawned at last. On this first Easter morning the joy bells began to ring, the angels began to sing and the band of heaven began to play. All heaven was jubilant while the heavenly announcer said, "He is not here, He is risen, come see the place where the Lord lay."

The news began to spread

The Resurrection of the Body, the Christian's Hope

"For the Lord Himself Shall Descend From Heaven With a SHOUT, and With the VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, and With the TRUMP OF GOD: and the Dead in Christ Shall Rise First."

J. S. Llewellyn

This is one of the most important themes of the early saints. The question of the resurrection afforded material for almost endless questions and debates. Before Christ the hope of immortality was but faint and flickering. Amongst the Jews it was at times almost extinguished. In fact, one whole sect known as the Sadducees denied entirely the resurrection from the dead, but since the resurrection of our Lord together with its many infallible proofs, this wonderful subject has become permanent throughout the entire Christian world.

After briefly considering some of the promises concerning the resurrection of the body it would be well to consider the fact that His resurrection was foretold.

"For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption." Psalm 16:10. "From that time forth began Jesus to show unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day." Matt. 16:21. "But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee." Matt. 26:32.

"That Christ should suffer and that He should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people and to the Gentiles." Acts 26:23.

As infallible proof of His resurrection: He appeared to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, the two disciples, to the eleven disciples, to Peter, to the ten, Thomas being absent, to the eleven at the sea of Galilee and to the five hundred brethren. Then after His ascension He appeared to Paul at the time of his conversion.

It seems that this great number of witnesses is proof of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. As before stated the subject of the resurrection was very prominent in the early Church. "And with great power gave the apostle witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." Acts 4:33. After the apostles had received the full Pentecostal bap-

far and wide that strange things were happening in rapid succession. The man who was crucified a few days ago was buried and behold He is alive from the dead. Yea, in spite of the Roman guards. The man who once lived and was dead behold He is alive forevermore and has the keys of death and hell.

Surely we thank God for that first glad Easter morning, which changed the shouts of hissing demons in the lowest hell and raised the victorious shouts of the followers of the great hero of Calvary and caused all the created host of the eternal world to join in the celebration of the glad Easter day. Following the awful night came the blessed day, great day, happy day. All nature now awakes from its long winter sleep and lays aside its icy bands which have so long bound her and puts on her nice and beautiful robes of spring time.

tism they had boldness to witness to the resurrection in the face of a howling and angry mob.

"Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it." Acts 2:23, 24.

"But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses." Acts 3:14, 15.

In consideration of the foregoing Scriptures and many others that could be referred to we find that it can no longer be a question, shall we rise from the dead, for this is a foregone conclusion and a universal decree.

Neither can it be a question as to whether it is this body that shall rise, for there is nothing else buried and for this reason there is nothing else to rise. Then if there be a resurrection, it must be a resurrection of the body.

The questions now before us are: what manner of body shall we have, how are the dead raised up, and with what body do they come?

Observe that the apostle does not employ the word buried, but sown, clearly implying no idea or thought of annihilation or ended existence, but rather as the term implies, a continued and increased life. Sowing implies an expectation of new and multiplied life. It is said that a certain nationality calls the cemetery the Lord's acre. As the husbandman sows the seed into the ground, then the sunshine and the rain come, the seeds are quickened and spring forth, so it is with human creatures, they are sown in the earth. After the days and years of sunshine and rain they are quickened and come forth in a higher order of life bloomed for eternity. God gives the grain a resurrection from year to year. Then if He can keep these little bodies living for years by an annual resurrection, could we for one moment entertain a thought that God would allow our bodies to perish or bring an end to our existence for the lack of a resurrection?

We bury the little brown insignificant acorn. Then appears the slender sprout, then the graceful sapling and then the grand stately oak. The oak of immense weight, the same in reality with the acorn.

We think of the little dull repulsive worm as it crawls in the dust, it weaves itself into a winding sheet, makes its own coffin, sinks down in the earth, and waits all the days of its appointed time until its change comes. At the time of its resurrection it comes forth throwing off its grave clothes and rises a thing of beauty, winged for its higher and happier sphere. We behold it in its new and lovely life, as it soars amid the forest and beautiful flowers, yet we recognize in it that same repulsive worm as it crawled in the dust. (Continued on page 4.)

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The Church of God Has a Sure Foundation

Text.—The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. **Psa. 118:22.**

John E. Attey

Mistakes have been made all down through the ages, but to my mind one of the greatest mistakes that was ever made by man was in the construction of a building, instead of THE BUILDING, because he refused to accept and place in the foundation the TRIED STONE. Strange to say, yet it is true, men to-day are still making the same mistake. Man seems to be possessed with a desire to build, this desire man has had from the beginning.

Just here let us notice a few scripture quotations with reference to men that have builded, and the mistakes they made. I do not wish to speak of them in a criticising manner, but only that we might profit by their mistakes. "And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." Gen. 11:4. God has, and always has had, a plan by and through which His people could be saved and made fit subjects for heaven, but here we notice that the people made a great mistake in attempting to get to heaven other than by the way of sacrifice, they banded themselves together and said, "Let us build," signifying that they intended to take the whole matter in their own hands, and they did, consequently God was not pleased. God is never pleased when men band themselves together to do things which are contrary to His divine law.

These men said, "Let us make us a name." These men seemingly did not wish to recognize the name of God, but said, "Let us make us a name." In so doing they reject the tried stone. What were the results when these men took things in their own hands and refused to recognize God in their plan? They became confused and their building came to naught. Since 300 A. D. men have been doing practically the same thing, they have banded themselves together, they have builded large organizations, they have taken to themselves names, they have blazed out the way to heaven (or attempted to) in their own way, they have misconstrued the scriptures, they have placed false interpretations on the scriptures until today there are so many ways, and so many names, and so many foundations until the general rank and file of people today are in a mass of confusion.

A building without a foundation is not a safe building to be in. Why is there such confusion today in so many of the buildings which have been builded by men who have said, "Let us make us a name?" The reason why is because the storm of the great tribulation is beginning to rage, and their buildings are beginning to rock to and fro. Notice in the scriptures what is said with reference to a man that builded. "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man,

which built his house upon the sand; And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it." Matt. 7:26; 27.

Again we hear it said in Rev.

14:8. "Babylon is fallen." Why is Babylon falling? The word Babylon means confusion, and all the people who love peace are opening their eyes and are beginning to call upon God for deliverance from confusion, and He has heard and answered their prayers to an extent that they have been able to find the stone which the builders have rejected. While it has cost the life of many a saint, it has meant deprivation and much sacrifice on the part of many to dig down through the rubbish of past ages in search of the rejected stone, but many thousands to-day are rejoicing because it has been found, and today they are building upon it. "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation." Isa. 28:16.

The Church of God is built upon a sure foundation, its members do not wish to take to themselves human names, they do not wish to follow their own ways, but have chosen to follow God's way, they do not care to accept the opinion of men, but have decided to adhere strictly to the Word of God as interpreted by those that have been set in the Church for that purpose. "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." 1 Cor. 12:28. And in so doing can say with the Apostle Paul, "Now ye are no more strangers."

Many are rejoicing, they have found the tried stone, and are standing firm upon a sure foundation, who, until recently, were in a strange land, they had hung their harps on the willows, and had sit down by the rivers of Babylon, they were called upon to sing but could not because they were in a strange land, but one day tidings came to them that the stone had been found, (their liberty had been granted.) It was then that they took their harps down and began to make music and rejoice, and to-day there are thousands who are sitting by the rivers of Babylon, but they too will soon be coming because the Church of God has found the tried stone, and are building upon the sure foundation.

Messengers are going forth from the Church and are running up and down the banks of Babylon and are heralding the glad tidings that there is liberty and peace in the building that is built upon the rock. "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." Eph. 2:18, 20.

REPORT

RED OAK GROVE, Tenn.—A few days revival was held at this place, and the Lord wonderfully blessed. The Lord blessed Brother John Burk as he gave out the Word.

The saints greatly enjoyed the meeting and great love was manifested. All were encouraged to press on. Two were reclaimed.

Although the weather was bad part of the time, the crowds were large.

I can say for a truth, the work here is coming to the front. I am greatly encouraged.

We are building a church house now and will soon have it ready to worship in. Praise the Lord for the way He is blessing our work this year.

We expect to conduct a few days meeting at Reed Cross Road soon, where we are pastoring a church. Please pray much for this meeting.

Nancy Gentry, Pastor.
Sale Creek, Tenn.

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NOTICES

We would be glad to have a true blue Church of God preacher to come to this place. One who can make things plain. Any one that will come may write G. L. Varnes, Poplar Creek, Miss.

The Church at Nettleton, Arkansas would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: W. B. Moore, Fannie Tallie, Fay Murphy, Don Dena Woodard, Dona Melton.

There are not but seven or eight members at this place and we request the prayers of all who read this that we may have a revival. Minnie Adams, Nettleton, Ark.

The Church of God, Wauchula, Fla., desires to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Ruth Allen, Kora Brown, Inez Cornellson, Corene Kirkland, Mrs. Mary Lane, Elma Lane, Clara Lane, Mrs. Alice Richie, Moonie Richie, Elsa Willis, Isla Wiggins. — C. A. Edenfield, (clerk), Box 807, Wauchula, Fla.

TO THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN KENTUCKY:

As a member of the Church in this State I have felt impressed for sometime to make a request in behalf of our State Overseer, Brother G. A. Fore, who has so faithfully labored among us the last couple of years. Many no doubt remember when we needed a real man to lead us on, God gave us Brother Fore, who not only proved to be a real leader, but a man who has dared to bombard the enemy with the pure Gospel until in many places he has had to retreat and a great victory has been won for God and His Church.

There may be some who are wondering why they can't secure his services more, but if they only knew the small amount of tithes he receives monthly and consider the expense of traveling they may be able to solve this problem easier.

I am sure a little personal donation or a freewill offering once a month sent to G. A. Fore, Box 202, Williamsburg, Ky., will be greatly appreciated and may be the means of him getting to visit you and your church. PLEASE TRY IT ANYWAY and see.—R. H. Bell, Williamsburg, Ky.

NOTICE AND EXPLANATION

I am launching an evangelistic campaign in Alabama this year. Arrangements have been made as follows:

Band Number One
J. B. Ellis, Director and Messenger.

O. W. Ellis, Assistant Director and Messenger.

Miss Derosa Ellis, Pianist and Helper.

Mrs. Lona Jones, Assistant Pianist and Helper.

Meetings Slated
Hurricane Church, March 21 to April 4. Address: Heflin, Ala., Route 7.

Pratt City Church, April 4-18. Address: Pratt City, Ala.

Montgomery Church, April 18 to May 2. Address: 64 Covington St., Montgomery, Ala.

Phoenix City Church, May 2-16. Address: Phoenix City, Ala.

Altoona Church, May 16-30. Address: Altoona, Ala.

Marengo Church, June 2-13. Address: Marengo, Ala.

June 13-27, not slated, open for calls.

Thomasville Church, June 27 to July 11. Address: Thomasville, Ala.

Haleyville Church, July 11-25. Address: Haleyville, Ala.

July 25 to August 8, not slated, open for calls.

Boaz, Ala., Aug. 15-29. State Camp meeting, I. H. Marks, Messenger. All evangelists, pastors and churches are requested not to have any revivals on this

date. Take your people to the Camp meeting.

Murrays Chapel Church, August 29 to September 12. Address: Springville, Ala. Route 1.

Sept. 12-26, not slated, open for calls.

Fyffe Church, Sept. 26 to Oct. 10. Address: Fyffe, Ala.

Oct. 10-17. School of the Prophets. Place open for calls. Things considered in answering calls: 1. Location. 2. Entertainment. 3. Financial support.

There will be no admission fees or tuition charges. The school will be supported by free-will offerings and donations. There will be three lectures delivered each day at 11:00 a. m., 3:00 p. m., and 7:30 p. m.

The speakers will be, M. S. Lemons, T. S. Payne and J. B. Ellis. There will be three sessions of one hour each, preceding each lecture, for Bible study, one of these periods will be devoted to asking and answering questions. The regular programme for the school will close on the evening of Oct. 8. The remaining two days will be devoted to preparatory work for the next year. All ministers desiring to work in Alabama next year are required to be present if possible, otherwise write us what kind of work you wish to do. All churches are requested to make your wishes known, who you want for pastor at this date, giving your reason, either in writing or by being present.

We want, as far as possible, to have every church supplied with pastoral oversight before the Assembly, which will be permanent if I am sent back. If another man succeeds me this arrangement will be subject to his endorsement. Preachers who do not expect to attend the Assembly, if not providentially hindered, need not ask for work in Alabama. You will receive no appointment till after the Assembly. A complete programme of the lectures for the school will be published later.

All ministers and churches expecting to confer with me on business by mail should preserve this notice for future reference. It will be easier and you will get quicker service by writing me at the above addresses than by Jacksonville, however I will get it either way. This arrangement will not hinder me from attending to any business that requires my presence. I can leave the meetings in the hands of my workers in my absence.

You see by this arrangement, our time is practically all taken up. The open dates will be filled as soon as called for. I can fill another slate if you desire, by a band of Bible students. All that is necessary is for you to ask for the meetings. I can select four or five bands that I would not be afraid to turn loose in any church or community, but you will have to hurry for the school will be out in April and they will be scattered.

Explanation
My article on "Loyalty" has created considerable agitation, comment, and some criticism. One brother wants to know chapter and verse for the suggestions made for settlement of the indebtedness of the Church. You are not charged with disloyalty if you do not adhere to those suggestions. I merely asked if you thought a minister or member could be loyal to the Church and ignore or teach against what the Church stands for or the needs of the Church.

Several other letters stated that they thought Headquarters was out of debt and they heard it declared to be out of debt from the platform. No you did not hear that. They said the Publishing House was out of debt. This is but a small portion of what I consider Headquarters. Mrs. M. E. Dollahite and L. C. Dollahite, last heard of in Tennessee. Any one knowing anything about them please write me. — J. K. Dollahite, Canadian, Okla.

I would like to know the quarters. The Auditorium, the school building, the Orphanages and Childrens Home are all included with the loans that were saddled down upon us.

Another wants to know if a church that has all or more indebtedness than it could meet would it be considered disloyal if it did not respond to my appeal? Again I say I did not charge this church or any other with disloyalty. I only asked you to answer and left it with your conscience. What I meant by embarrassment at Headquarters was the burden the management of this indebtedness worked on the Executive Council and other officials of the Church.

This same brother wants to know if a church that was embarrassed with debt and was to send in a plea for help to Headquarters and have the plea turned down would it be loyal to the Church. My answer is: If we had a fund created at Headquarters for church extension work and refused, it might be disloyal, but inasmuch as it has no such fund the responsibility reverts back to the local churches. Go on and take care as best you can your obligations, come to the Assembly and shout the victory with us.

For further information I refer you to the Evangel office. While I, at this end of the line, have been the subject of severe criticism, the worst of which I have not mentioned, I was informed from Headquarters my article had brought results and that was what I was after. Come on faithful and good servants let's keep the good work going. I have long since learned that while we are all one in the shout there are two bunches of us when it comes to burden bearing. When we are through with the burdens they will shout with us again.

We do not have to have chapter and verse in the Bible how to liquidate debt no more than you have to go there for a recipe for making pies and cakes. One thing I observed in these letters of criticism, no one offered any Bible way to adjust the matters under consideration. Isn't that funny?

Well, I have received many sincere letters of inquiry and many expressing their interest in the matter. Come on! let's get something to going.

Yours truly,
J. B. Ellis.

TO ALL THE CHURCHES IN NORTH CAROLINA:

I am now in the State and will try to visit all the churches if possible. Begin now to pray for God to work signs and wonders in the name of Jesus. Bring your sick believing God and be healed.—L. G. Rouse.

I am living at 5416 11 Ave. North Woodlawn, Birmingham, Alabama. Any one wishing to write me can get me at this address.

I am not pastoring, but am doing evangelistic work in different states.—Z. D. Simpson.

ATTENTION!
Many are looking forward to the South Florida Camp meeting, Ft. Myers, Florida, April 15-25, we are praying and looking forward for a great victory. Come thou with us and we will do the good.

All come prepared to camp. For further information, write

pastor of the Church of God, P. O. Box 385, Ft. Myers, Fla.

WANTED—A good second-hand gospel tent. Must be cheap for cash.
D. Tidwell, 818 E. 10 St., Jacksonville, Fla.

PAUL FOUGHT WITH THE BEASTS AT EPHEBUS. 1 COR. 15:32

Jernigan and Meade in W. Va.

On March 1 wife and I landed in Kermit and found a small, but loyal band of saints with T. J. Meade, their pastor. They had secured a large hall in the main part of town and on Tuesday night, Mar. 2, the battle began.

There were many unbelievers and hard fighters in Kermit, and a number of them were preachers, so I began to lay out the real Bible plan of salvation before the people. The devil was soon stirred and the people began to dust their Bibles.

I announced that on Sunday night I would prove by the Bible that the people did not get the Holy Ghost at conversion, and challenge any one to prove otherwise.

On Sunday night at the beginning of the service, I asked if any one was there to accept the challenge. One of their preachers arose, laid his overcoat aside and said, "Here is your man." We gave him a chance and he beat the air about one and one-fourth hours, and tried to find some Scripture to read but did not read a word.

When my time came to brave my points, I used for a text, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? Acts 19:2, and in connection, Philip's revival at Samaria, where the people were wonderfully saved and baptized, and afterwards received the Holy Ghost. After I had closed my discourse, I made the man own before the large crowd that I had preached the Bible just like it was.

On the next Sunday night he (Continued on page 4.)

THE STORY OF CREATION
(Continued from page 1.)

Boreham.)
God looked upon His world, and saw 'twas good, 'twas great: Rejoice, rejoice, O man, in that which I create;

For thee, this earth, with all its rich supplies!

Delve, soar, seek, find, and after that the skies!

H. L. Chapman.

In the Beginning.

Doubtless means at the beginning of all things. We know that the earth existed before Adam's day. The Lord said to Adam that he should multiply and replenish the earth. He said the same to Noah. If at Noah's day this meant to refill the earth with inhabitants it meant the same with Adam. So there isn't any doubt that this earth existed before Adam's day. So I do not consider that the scientists have found anything strange concerning the age of the earth.

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Specimen of Type.
AND it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he

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Obituaries

FORTNER

On March 5, 1926 the death angel called Brother Wm. H. Fortner of St. Francisville, Ill. home to glory. He testified one night and said he realized his time was short, but he knew he had a home in heaven.

The next night he failed to attend service and was found lying across his bed dead the 6th of March. He and his son lived alone, his son wasn't at home when he died.

Funeral service was conducted at the Church of God by the pastor and writer. His remains were laid to rest in the St. Francisville Cemetery.

Here the home ties off are broken. Here is left a vacant chair, But in the bright land of glory We shall meet each other there.

T. J. Milligan, Bridgeport, Ill.

PROW

On Feb. 25, 1926 Sister Mary Katharine Prow departed this life. Age thirty-six years, eight months and five days. She was a member of the Church of God at Eldorado, Illinois.

She was sick quite awhile, but bore her sufferings patiently. All was done that loving hands could do, but God saw best to take her home where there will be no more partings or sad farewells. She will be greatly missed, but our loss is heaven's gain.

She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, two sons and a host of friends. The funeral service was conducted by the writer and the body was laid to rest in the McCandey Cemetery to await the resurrection morning. — W. F. Bragg.

MORRISON

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morrison and called away their eleven year old son to be with Jesus. Although we loved him, we know he is safe in the arms of Jesus. He has been sick many times but Jesus saw fit to take him home with him. All that mother, father and friends could do was a failure.

His funeral was conducted by Brother Bunyun Hall, pastor of the Anns-ton, Alabama, church.

Never will He forsake you, Though sorrows press you sore; He will bring you to that city, Where we shall part no more.

A neighbor.

BEARD

Louis Beard departed this life to be with Jesus Feb. 17, 1926. He was eighty years old. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, six children also five step-children and many friends. We do not mourn as one who died without the Lord, we know our loss is heaven's gain.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother Pritchard, pastor at Johnson City, Tennessee.

Oh how hard to give up loved ones, Yet God was in it all. Let us all trust in Jesus Till our name He will call.

When we leave this world of changes, When we leave this world of care We shall meet our dear Saviour In our Father's mansion there.

One who loved him.—Mary Quinton.

COCHRAN

William P. Cochran, died July 6th, 1925.

Our home is now lonely there's one vacant chair, For one of our flock has gone over there. And we feel our loss keenly, but the thought comes to cheer That he is far better off than suffering here.

Yes William has gone from his illness of suffering and pain Which he bore with great patience never once did complain But it's all over now for he has gone to a far better land Where suffering is unknown on that bright Golden Strand.

He has gone from our midst to join those gone before And we know that they're happy on that bright Golden Shore And when our work here is done and it comes our time to die We hope to all meet again in that home beyond the sky.

Vesta Swanson, Parkers Landing, Pa.

MERCER

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Mercer, wife of William S. Mercer, was born November 13, 1879, and was called away from the cares of this earth to be with the Lord, on the morning of March 6, 1926. Sister Mercer was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and left us with assurance that she was a possessor of eternal life.

A husband, seven children and a number of other relatives and friends are left to mourn her loss.

"Her toils are past, her work is done, She fought the fight—the victory won."

B. E. Drummond, Parkersburg, W. Va.

LOTT

On Sunday morning Feb. 21, 1926 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister B. H. Lott and claimed for its victim one of their precious jewels, little Daulton, age one year, seven months and eighteen days. He was sick twenty-one days with pneumonia and at last was congested and suffered great pains. We can't see in our weak way why this darling suffered so long and so hard, but God in His wisdom only knows.

He leaves to mourn his death, father, mother, grand-parents and a host of relatives and friends. He was loved by all that knew him and it was hard to give him up, but he is over yonder today we know, and we hope to meet him there some day.

All was done that loving hands could do, prayer was offered many times for him. We grieve not as we know it was God's will for him to die.

His body was laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery to await the coming of our Saviour.

Please pray that I may be ready to meet him.

His aunt,

Mrs. J. W. Lott, Merigold, Miss.

MURPHY

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Murphy and claimed for its victim one of their little twin babies, eleven months, one week and four days old. All was done that loving hands could do but God saw best to take little Avernell home to live with Him. Her bright eyes and happy smiles will never be forgotten for she was a loving child. Her little body was laid to rest in the Freewill Cemetery to await the coming of Jesus in the clouds of Glory.

Let us all trust in Jesus until our name He will call and we can meet her in the sweet by and by.

A friend of the family,

Nettie Fox, Stewart, Miss.

ISAAC

Again we have met on the pathway of life with the cold hand of death and one of those who was ever pleased to walk among us has gone to be an inhabitant of the great beyond. This time it was the home of Robert Isaac—a dear husband and father of four children, Mrs. Delta Marsk, Danville, Illinois, Mrs. Carda Toole, Princeton, Ind., William Isaac, St. Francisville, Ill., Perry Isaac, Plainsville, Ind., who are left to mourn his loss.

Dear Brother Isaac, as we all learned to call him, gave his heart and life to Jesus something over a year ago and was wonderfully saved and sanctified in Jesus. During the short time I was permitted to know him I don't think I ever saw any one so devoted to their Master as was Brother Isaac. To know him was to love him. He was a big inspiration to my faith in Jesus, but our loss is heaven's gain, for we are sure his suffering is over with. Daily as his sickness continued he would talk of his coming life in the City of God and begged them not to weep for him, but to prepare to meet him in glory where they would never have to part no more and as we watched how slowly day by day his life faded away it made us realize oh death where is thy sting, oh grave where is thy victory. But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory over death, hell and the grave and causeth us to triumph in Christ Jesus.

Dear Brother Isaac is gone from us but not forgotten, his life that shone so bright while here will shine forevermore, he is not dead but only sleeping in Jesus and Jesus said, those that are asleep in Him will He bring with Him when He comes again. Glory be to Jesus for that promise. So beloved look up, just believe that our redemption draweth nigh. Just a few more years with its toll and tears and our journey will be over. Then we can take Brother Isaac by the hand as we so gladly did when we would meet him here in the little humble Church of God when God would so abundantly bless us.

Funeral service held at the Church of God at St. Francisville and was conducted by Sister Emma Black.

Be patient dear hearts While waiting to see the shining way For the precious feet in the golden streets, Will never go astray.

Written by a sister, Bertha Tenill.

HUDSON

The death angel visited the home of H. A. Hudson the 15th of August and took away his dear wife; age twenty-nine years. They had been married one and a half years, she was a consecrated Christian; was a great help to her husband; would preach when he was away. She was always ready to pray and testify and was always present at Sunday school and church. When my husband set the church of God in order at Morgan District, Jamaica, she was one among the first to come in and lived a faithful life until she died. She had the Holy Ghost. I will never forget her kindness to us while there; she was always ready to minister to our needs every way she could. She left father, mother, brothers and husband to mourn her loss, but they sorrowed not as those that have no hope for they are expecting to meet her some day on the other shore where parting comes no more. She is gone but not forgotten. One that loved her.

Mrs. E. E. Simmons.

Requests

Babe Marr, of Sarah, Ga., requests special prayer for the healing of her body, also that she might receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Minnie Darton requests prayer that she may be healed of paralysis.

WONDERFUL GRACE

Wonderful grace from the Saviour above,
Wonderful condescension and love;
Wonderful, infinite, fathomless grace;
Dying for sinners and taking their place.

Jesus the holy one, pure and divine,
Came to redeem this poor spirit of mine.
Died that I too, might behold His fair face,
Wonderful, infinite, fathomless grace.

Wonderful grace that will save from all sin,
Free to the lowest and vilest of men;
None of our works for our sins can atone,
Naught but the grace of our Saviour alone.

Justice decreed that for sin we should die,
Then Jesus came from the courts in the sky;
Bringing salvation that naught can efface,
Wonderful, infinite, fathomless grace.

Wonderful grace, in the cross we can see.
Nothing to do but to look to the tree;
Where, in His love for souls of lost men,
Jesus has died to save all from their sins.

"Tis finished," He cried, and the veil rent in twain,
The law cannot stand up against us again,
The law's condemnation, His blood did erase,
Wonderful, infinite, fathomless grace.

Wonderful grace that is free unto all,
Free unto them that are cursed by the fall;
Dying, we were on the Jericho road
With naught to pay the great debt that we owed.

Then came the wonderful Saviour of men
Healing the wounds and bruises of sin;
Giving a home in that heavenly place,
Wonderful, infinite, fathomless grace.

Selected.

Orphanage Report

FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAR. 20
FROM DALTON, Ga., Edia Miller—
1 pr. panties; 1 body waist; 2 princess
slips; 4 yds. gingham; 1 1/2 yds.
cloth; 3 dresses; Mrs. Delia Wifford—
roll of small pieces of duck.

FROM SISTERS OF THE CHURCH,
Fyffe, Ala., 1 quilt top.

FROM IRENE A. ROSS, Youngs-
town, O., 1 doll for Ruby.

FROM LORENE PENDLETON, 30
Heller, Willis Point, Tex., the follow-
ing: Mrs. Minnie Foreman—2 towels;

Lorene Pendleton—4 handkerchiefs;
Ada Hill—3 dresses; 1 box pepper; 1
box washing powder; 1 box starch;

Edna Pitts—1 pr. slippers; Susie Pitts
—1 box soda; Lula McPherson—
3 dresses; 3 waists; 1 slip; 1 quilt top.

FROM SANITARY BAKERY, Clevel-
and, Tenn., 4 doz. loaves bread.

FROM MR. E. FLORENCE, Clevel-
and, Tenn., 5 doz. and 5 bananas.

CASH DONATIONS

Church, Empire, Ala., \$3.85; church,
Lane, Tex., \$3.15; S. S. Wimauma,
Fla., \$22.13; S. S. Columbia, S. C., \$3-
22; church, Onville, La., \$3.55; church
and S. S. Red Bay, Ala., \$1.75; church,
W. Frankfort, Ill., \$4.15; Murrys
Chapel, Springville, Ala., \$3.83; J. J.
Murray, Dayton, Ala., \$2.00; S. S.
Clay City, Ky., \$6.00; A. E. McKinney,
Crystal River, Fla., \$5.00; Empire S. S.
Empire, Ala., \$4.00; Lois Chapel,
Seaboard, Ala., \$4.30; Hillside S. S. Bel-
ast, Me., \$2.00; J. E. Kauble, Eldo-
rado, Ill., \$18.19; Macadonia Church,
Haleyville, Ala., \$2.00; church, Bel-
mont, N. C., \$5.50; church, Lake Odes-
fast, Me., \$2.00; J. E. Kauble, Eldo-
rado, Fla., \$5.30; church, Carbur, Fla., \$2.11;
S. S. Summit, Ala., \$3.34; S. S.
Kennedy, Ala., \$3.96; Ark. by Harry
Rhodes, Caraway, Ark., \$1.50; Wal-
halla church No. 2, Walhalla, S. C.,
\$1.25; S. S. Middletown, O., \$4.40;
church, W. Wellston, O., \$1.37;
Mrs. G. W. Andrew, Ruskin, Fla., \$1.

MY VISIT TO CLEVELAND

I felt as if I were in an ante-
chamber of heaven.

J. B. Ellis

On Saturday, March 13, I left
Jacksonville enroute to Clevel-
and. Met the Alabama City
saints Saturday night, had a
good service with them, was
entertained in the home of
Brother and Sister Porter Car-
nutt. Brother T. A. Richard is
progressing nicely with the
work there. They are meeting
the payments on their nice new
church as they come due. The
tithes have been gradually in-
creasing since the Assembly de-
spite the efforts of some who
seem to want to starve him out,
the Lord seems to be supplying
his needs.

Leaving Alabama City early
Sunday morning I arrived at
Valley Head, six miles from
Bankhead Church, just one
hour and twenty-five minutes
before I was due to preach.
They failed to get my notice of
coming and no one met me.
With overcoat on one arm and
folio in the other hand I started
up the long two mile mountain
in double quick speed, aiming if
possible to reach the place on
foot by preaching time. I topped
the mountain with just one hour
to make the remaining four
miles of the journey. A kind
man going to a Methodist Sun-

right. A song was called for
and the school began to sing
and, Oh my! such singing, I am
sure the angels and departed
spirits must have been hovering
around.

Well, I shouted and laughed
and cried. I felt as if I were in an
antechamber of heaven. After
several songs were sung, each
song increasing in spiritual fer-
vor, Brother Payne said, "Let us
pray." As we fell to our knees
Brother Payne said, "Everybody
does his own praying here." In a
moment their voices were blend-
ing in prayer like the voice of
many waters, I believe it unlock-
ed the windows of heaven, for
something fell in my soul that
there was not room to contain.
It ran over my body like I was in
the grip of a cyclone. Hallelu-
jah. I feel the effects of it yet.

After this feast Brother Payne
gave the trio of visitors a very
formal and unique introduction
to the student body and an-
nounced that the writer would
deliver a message to the school.
Who spoke from the text, "What
is man?"

I addressed the school again
Tuesday morning. In the after-
noon I was permitted to attend
the drilling exercises of the pro-
gram for closing of the school,
April 16, and must say a great
feast of good things await the
citizens of Cleveland.

What I Think of the School.

Would you like for me to tell
you what I think of the Bible
School? In short, it is the best
place on earth for boys and
girls, and all who intend on en-
gaging in gospel work. To en-
ter into detail the features that
make it great are these:

1st. A more spiritual atmos-
phere can be found in the
Church. The singing is spiri-
tual, and many times exercises
and recitations are seasons of
great spiritual fervor. The se-
cret of this is the prayer life of
the school. Brother Payne
keeps them praying.

2d. The moral and social in-
fluence of the school. The rigid
and strict discipline of the
school makes immorality and
social impurity almost impos-
sible. The eagle eye of Brother
Payne would detect the most
secret effort toward immorality.
Your boys and girls are not al-
lowed to carry on love affairs.
The students are given to un-
derstand that the school is not
conducted preparatory to matri-
mony, but gospel work.

3d. It is a place where the
deepest, the highest, the broad-
est and most correct and com-
prehensive study of the Bible is
practiced. No school on earth
stands for as nearly all the doc-
trines and teachings of the
Bible as does the Church of God
Bible School.

(To be continued.)

Melchizedek, the King of Righteousness

The Writer of Hebrews Under-
stood, But the Members
Did Not.

F. J. Lee

I promised to take up the
subject of Melchizedek right
where Dr. Watson's article left
off.

I believe that Dr. Watson's
views are correct where he
states that we should take the
statement as given, that this
wonderful man had no father or
mother, beginning of days or
ending of life.

Also I do not believe that he
was an ordinary Gentile king,
but I believe that this wonderful

person was actually Jesus Christ
Himself. Why should I say
this? My answer is that Christ
existed with the Father from
before the foundation of the
world. He appeared to the in-
habitants of this earth on many
different occasions before He
came for His thirty-three and a
half years stay in the flesh.

He appeared as Jehovah-jireh,
"A provider." Jehovah-rapha,
"A healer of the people." Jeho-
vah-nissi, "The Lord our ban-
ner." Jehovah-shalom, "the
Lord our peace." Jehovah-ra-
ah, "the Lord our shepherd." Jehovah-tsdekensee, "the Lord
our righteousness." Jehovah-
shammah, "the Lord is pres-
ent." These terms apply to
Christ in different phases of His
appearances of His people.

Scotfield says the term Je-
hovah applies to the Redeemer.
He appeared as an ordinary
man to Abraham the time Abra-
ham killed the calf for Him and
His associate angels. He ap-
peared to Hannah when Samuel
was promised. Many other
places could be cited where the
long looked for Redeemer ap-
peared on the scene before He
came to dwell among the peo-
ple.

Since Jehovah - tsdekensee
stands for the Lord our righte-
ousness you may ask, what
stands for king of righteous-
ness? My answer is Melchi-
zedek. Melchizedek means
"king of righteousness."

Now let us notice some Scrip-
ture found in Hebrews 5:11-14.
"Of whom we have many things
to say, and hard to be uttered,
seeing ye are dull of hearing.
For when for the time ye ought
to be teachers, ye have need
that one teach you * * * the or-
acles of God; and are become
such as have need of milk, and
not of strong meat. For every
one that useth milk is unskilful
in the word of righteousness."

Of whom did the writer have
many things to speak?
Of Melchizedek.

What did he say of those
things?
They were hard to be utter-
ed.

Was this because he did not
understand about Melchizedek?
No, it was because they were
dull of hearing.

What did he say they should
have been by this time?
They should have been teach-
ers. Able to explain about Mel-
chizedek.

But what did they yet need?
Some one to teach them.

What further did he say they
needed?
They needed to be fed with
milk.

What is said of those using
milk?
They are unskilful in the
Word.

(To be continued.)

OBEYED HEAVENLY CALLING

CLEVELAND, Ohio. — This
afternoon I am praising God for
the wonderful things which have
been wrought in my life through
the wonderful and mighty pow-
er of the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!
Four years ago while in Ky.
holding revival services I was
impressed to go to Cleveland,
Ohio with a promise that souls
would be saved and I praise
Him that I obeyed the heavenly
calling. We mean to do our
best to advance the work and
His cause. We are so thankful
for what He has done for us and
for what He is going to do. Pray
for a mighty outpouring of His
Spirit upon this work which He
has started at this place.

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DIVINE HEALING

BABY HEALED OF CROUP

I want to sound a note of praise to God this evening for what He is to me, Glory to God because He still abides in my heart, justified by faith, sanctified by the precious blood of Jesus and baptized with the precious talking Holy Ghost, Glory to God. It surely means much to live for God and stay humble at His feet. We meet with many trials and temptations, but bless God His grace is sufficient for all things, glory. I feel the fire burning in my soul just now.

My baby has been sickly almost all of her life, I put her on the altar yesterday and began to call on God to heal her body and glory to God He wonderfully healed her body of croup and sore throat. I told God if He would heal her I would testify to it for the glory of God and oh, how God did bless my soul. I have been a member of the Church of God for almost three years and the way gets sweeter every day and I expect to continue on regardless of what others say or do. By the help of God I expect to have a part in the first resurrection, glory to God, what a happy day for God's children.

All who read this please pray for me and that God will save my husband and children.

Estellia Lockwood,
Warfield, Ky.

GOD WONDERFULLY HEALS

I praise my Saviour for real salvation. I wish I could express my experience. I have trusted God for myself and family for nineteen years. I have gone through many trials, but thank God, He is always a friend to help in time of need.

About four months ago I was taken with a severe attack of rheumatism, and at times could hardly get out of my chair. I called upon God and had the faith to pray for me; and the devil took his hands off for twenty-four hours, then I took worse and suffered four months. I also took the mumps and my suffering seemed unbearable.

My two year old boy was very ill at that time. I knelt on my knees before God and asked Him to heal my baby. I also laid the Evangel on his body in Jesus' name, and he was healed completely. The power of God was manifested greatly. I then laid the paper on my body and God wonderfully healed me.

I am still thanking God for His healing power. I was under the power for some time, and when I recovered I could walk as good as ever and the mumps were gone also. Praise God. I went out to my work and have been completely healed ever since.

S. D. Pearson,
Richland, S. C.

HEALED OF APPENDICITIS

I want to thank and praise God for His goodness to me. Nearly five years ago the Lord wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and today I am still on victory side and a member of the dear old Church of God.

I want to thank God for healing my body, I had suffered with appendicitis for about two years and a half and while Brother Rouse was holding a meeting here I had him to pray for me and the Lord wonderfully healed, bless His wonderful name.

Pray for me that my life might shine out and be a blessing and upbuilding to some poor soul.

Hester Aaron, Dora, Ala.

HEALED OF ASTHMA

I want to thank God this morning for being saved, sanctified and ask the prayers of all that I may receive the Holy Ghost before it is too late.

Some months ago I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to anoint for the healing of my seven year old girl, who had asthma since she was two years old. When we received the handkerchief we prayed and laid it on her body and praise the Lord in ten minutes she was healed. I want the Lord to have

the glory for it all.
Mrs. V. Smith, Okeechobee, Fla.

PRaises GOD FOR HEALING POWER

I am glad to say this morning that I praise the Lord for the healing power. I was bad off two weeks ago and sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse, he anointed the handkerchief, prayed over it and returned it to me and to-day finds me so much better and I ask the saints all to pray for me that I may be completely healed and pray for me that I will obey God and receive the Holy Ghost.

Martha Stephens,
Irondale, Ohio.

MARVELOUS CASES OF HEALING

I praise God this morning for the way He keeps me day after day. I use to think that just so you went to Church on Sunday and served the Lord on that day, that it was enough unless a protracted meeting started. I surely did believe in this Sunday religion and this big meeting religion, but say, I have got salvation now instead of religion.

I also praise God this morning for sending such a wonderful man as Brother L. G. Rouse and wife and Brother Claud Wright and Sister Nannie Messer to visit our town. I think our town ought to feel highly honored. Now I believe Brother Rouse is one of the most humble men I ever saw and he prays more than any man I ever knew. We had some marvelous cases of healing down here the short time he stayed with us. The first night he came my little boy had something wrong with one of his lower limbs and we would have to lift him out of the bed, Brother Rouse prayed for him and he has never been bothered since, and can walk just as good as he ever did.

My baby took sick and seemed to lay in a stupor, had a high fever, and Brothers Rouse and Fritz came and prayed for her, the fever left her and she was instantly healed. I also saw a little boy's deaf ear unstopped and his mother says he can hear as good as he ever did. One sister had a goiter on her neck and she says it is going away. Another little boy was prayed for that hadn't walked on one of his feet for six months and his foot which had been cut, run corruption after prayed for. His father opened it up next morning and it had completely healed so he could walk without his crutches. After they left home and went to Carbon Hill my baby became real sick, we sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse, when it arrived I was sitting at the dinner table and when I opened the envelope I felt something run up my fingers like electricity. I applied the handkerchief to her little body and she began to get better and has been well ever since.

I certainly would be glad to know of every member of the Church of God stepping out on the Word as Brother Rouse has. If they would there would be some great miracles performed. Now I don't profess to be there but I am striving to get to that place. So please pray for me for I surely need your prayers.

One that loves the Church of God and her teachings,
Zodie Stephens,
Dora, Ala.

CHILD HEALED SEVERAL TIMES

I want to praise the Lord for what He is to me to-day. About eight months ago my little three year old child broke his thigh. I began to realize something was lacking in my home; so I began reading and praying as never before for light on God's Word and for grace to live such a life as would be pleasing to the Lord, and when I became in earnest I received a wonderful blessing. The Lord gave me grace to accept Jesus as my healer.

Satan tried so hard to make me refuse the light on divine healing but I never and how glad I am that I accepted it. I believe we should walk in the

light as the Lord gives it to us.

The Lord has healed my child several times. I am sick in my body now and ask all the people who know the value of prayer to pray for me that I may be healed and ever do the will of my blessed Saviour.

I desire the prayers of the saints that my husband will be saved and I may receive sanctification and the Holy Ghost as the Lord promises us in His blessed Word. Please pray for this community and that I will always be humble and submissive to the Lord that my life will be a light to lost ones in the world and cause them to seek Jesus before it is everlasting too late.

Hattie Waldron, O'Brien, Fla.

HEALED OF APPENDICITIS

I am praising God for full and free salvation and a deeper determination to make heaven my home. Glory.

Dear ones I had something like appendicitis for about one week and one night as I lay awake I was in sweet conversation with our King Jesus and I made a promise, if he would rebuke the enemy that was causing my suffering I would testify to it through the Evangel, for which I give God all the glory. Bless His wonderful name.

Wife and I don't get to go to church much on account of bad weather and roads and we ask every praying person to always hold us up to Jesus that we may live the life and be the cause of some one reaching Jesus.

Pray for me as one of the little ones in the great Church of God.
J. F. Heard, Cleveland, Miss.

HEALED OF RHEUMATISM

I want to sound a word of praise to my Saviour through the Evangel for the healing of my body. For some time I had something wrong with my limbs like rheumatism, could hardly walk. I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse and when the handkerchief came I was healed. I promised God if He would heal my body I would testify of His wonderful healing power. Praise His name. As I write this I can feel His precious blood trickling down upon me. Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus.

I hope these few words will be a blessing to someone else.—
Daisy Deacon, Sun, W. Va.

PRaises GOD FOR HEALING POWER

I want to thank and praise God tonight for saving, sanctifying and giving me the sweet Holy Ghost which still abides tonight. Oh, how I praise Him for His great healing power and the way He heals me when I am suffering. He wonderfully healed me a year ago. I was so near dead I was cold to my shoulders and to my thighs. I surely thought my time had come and my husband and loved ones thought I was sure gone, but praise the Lord when I got willing to go. He wonderfully healed me. He has healed me so many times, praise His sweet name.

I was taken with an awful pain in my back New Year's day and got so bad I could not walk or turn in bed without help. My husband sent for Brother and Sister Sapp and Brother Denson to come pray for me and the Lord sure heard our prayers, and Sunday I was able to go to Lake Wales to a meeting. Praise His great name. Also my baby was suffering with the toothache and I prayed and put the Evangel on his face and thank the Lord He was healed and went to sleep as soon as I did that in Jesus' name. I don't see why people are so careless about serving God.

Pray for husband and I that we will stay humble and true and will do what the Lord wants us to and be ready to go when he comes or calls.—Mrs. E. L. Hicks, Lakeland, Fla.

HEALED OF INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM

When I was only nine years of age I was taken with a very severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism in August of 1899 which wrecked my nerves and I have been an invalid ever since. I trusted to doctors and medicines until the 1st day of September 1925 when I gave up doctors and medicine and be-

gan trusting the Lord and have been getting better ever since until the 1st day of this February when I was taken down again with a very severe attack.

The saints came and prayed for me, but I suffered for about a week, the dear saints held on to the Lord, praying for me and I was healed, but I neglected to keep my promise to the dear Lord for I promised the Lord if He would heal me that I would testify to the world through the Evangel of His glory and healing power. I failed to keep my promise to the Lord and in less than a week I was taken down again and I promised the Lord that if He would give me another chance that I would testify for Him and Brother Whidden came and prayed for me and I was healed. This is the first time I have sit up since I was healed the last time, and I mean to keep my promise to the Lord and testify.

At one of Brother L. G. Rouse's healing services at Fort Myers, Florida I was convinced that the Lord was the only healer. My mother was instantly healed of a pain in her side which the doctors all said was appendicitis, which she had suffered with for about fifteen years.

I request the prayers of all that I will ever be faithful and stay healed. Oh, I certainly do praise the dear Lord for healing me and my precious mother.

Ruby Hart,
Miami, Fla.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY, THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE

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sive worm we once saw feeding in the dust; but, oh, the remarkable change, that new appearance, the old forms, habits and customs thrown aside, now soaring higher and enjoying a more blessed state of life. This mystery cannot be reasoned out more than the mystery of the resurrection of the body, yet it is all true.

Our minds are carried to yonder rugged steep. There we get a glimpse of the eagle's nest built of rugged material. There is nothing about it that is very attractive to the eye but we look into the nest and see the eagle's eggs, the beginning of life—no, only the possibility of life. A few weeks pass and we look again and see the little helpless eagles, but they are living. It is life in a very low form, yet it is life. Then we go away and do not return any more for possibly a year. In vain we search for the eagle but we find nothing left but the old nest of rugged sticks, briars and thorns. We look in wonder and sigh, where have they gone? At once a shrill voice comes down from the regions above. It is that same eagle that was once helpless and weak but has now spread its wings and flown above the clouds, enjoying the happy privilege of looking upon their silver lining, remembering that in its days of weakness and helplessness, it could only look at the dark side with its eyes dazzled with the forked lightning that played over its head.

Dearly beloved, we are in life's lower stage. We flounder and beat heavily and helplessly in this old earth's nest but the hour will come when new and greater life will be given us and we shall take on that glorified state and leave all the hindrances behind—every infirmity forever laid aside and heartaches to be known no more. No we will no longer be held beneath the dark clouds of trouble and bereavement, but with a shout, we shall rise and fly as did the proud king of the air. Then we will soar through heaven's pure air and associate ourselves with the cherubim and the seraphim and all the created hosts of the eternal world. Soon we will break the bands and the cords will be severed that have so long bound us, and we will soar away to be at rest. Oh, glorious expectation.

Our minds are carried back to our Saviour's life on earth. The stupendous miracles that He performed, turning the water into wine, healing the crippled, the blind, the palsied, the leper and even raising the dead, but the most stupendous miracle is to be performed. We think of the thousands that are lame, the halt and the blind, the cripples on their crutches and the old gray hairs. There is hardly a

human being on earth, but what at times feels the touch of sickness and disease, but the glorious day will come when all of these infirmities will be left behind and we shall go to see Him who healed all manner of diseases. His first miracle was at the marriage feast where He made the company glad by His presence and power, but the grandest of all miracles will be at His own marriage feast when He shall receive His bride, His own redeemed and glorified Church. We are only going to the dust for His glory that He may glorify Himself in our resurrection.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first." 1 Thes. 4:16.

This beyond question is one of the most important events in all the world's history. Its importance is especially emphasized by the Lord coming Himself.

When important issues are at stake in national affairs great problems to be solved and agreements reached, for the perpetuation of peace and prosperity among the nations, sometimes special representatives are selected, or special commissions appointed for the important task to sit in international conferences but when still greater and more important matters are involved on which hangs the future destiny and prosperity of the nation, the king or supreme ruler himself will go.

On this event rests the perpetuation of life, the future happiness of all of Adam's race, and the final and complete redemption of our bodies and the future glory of the triumphant God. Surely this is one of the most important occasions ever dreamed of. We are truly glad that the Lord Himself will descend at this important time.

In the text just referred to we observe that there are three distinct voices: the shout of God, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of God. In which of these three voices is the resurrection power?

It is not in the voice of the archangel. The tone of an archangel's voice is not strong enough to reach and wake the dead. An angel's arm cannot snatch us from the grave, neither can legions of angels confine us there. Angels have always had a special interest in humanity. They shouted and the morning stars sang together while the Lord was building our earthly home. On velvet snowy wings, with messages of love and mercy, they have beaten the air lines between heaven and earth to minister to the saints of earth. They are more familiar with the milky way and the paths of the sky than we are to the dusty roads of the earth. They have been ministering spirits and have hovered around at times when danger was near. No doubt they have whispered to us from eternity.

Many times when the struggles of life were so hard, in the hour of discouragement, they have cheered us. They have accompanied the spirits of our loved ones to the paradise above.

while we with sad hearts laid their bodies beneath the sod. Surely when this important time shall come their interests in us will be so recognized that they will be called to witness the triumph of the saints of earth. This must be the purpose in the voice of the archangel to summons the angel host under His command to witness the scene.

The trump of God is the third voice named, but the power of the resurrection is not in this, for this will be heard after the dead have risen. The ancient use of the trumpet was to assemble the multitude. The trump of God will call the millions together into one place while the voice of the archangel will assemble the hosts of heaven.

THE SHOUT OF GOD is the voice and power that shall awake the dead. "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth; they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29.

Men express their highest enthusiasm with a shout. The shout of an advancing army is something indescribable. It thrills the entire being, but then an advancing army, but the shout will be heard, not the shout of God. What does it mean? Has the magnitude of the occasion thrown the whole universe into excitement? Not so, but it's the voice of that same God who called Adam from the dust of the earth, awakening the sleeping dead and calling them from the dust and reforming their bodies into a higher and more glorious state of living. With upturned faces, pale and breathless, while the angelic host halt in the air, a moments pause, then the shout of God, that shout which thrills every being as well as sea and land. Then the earth hastens to uncover her dead, throws open her graves and the ocean gathers her treasured dead and flings them into the air. All the sleeping dead answering to the shout of God, "Hosanna in the highest."

The graves of the nobles of earth are opened. The stone is rolled away from the door of the sepulcher of the patriarchs and the prophets of old. Then we see the little short graves as they give up their treasures. "Suffer the little children to come unto me." We then fully realize what these words foretold mean as we see them coming by millions and the air populated with risen and immortal infancy. Among them we expect to see our own little darling ones as they arise to meet the same One who took the little children into His arms and blessed them.

Surely after careful consideration of this important subject we would count none of earth's treasures too dear to give up in order for us to be numbered with the triumphant host.

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